

Professional Development

Food Service Workers Can Earn CEUs Through Online Tutorials From OPEN NH

The *Office of Educational Technology*, in partnership with the *Bureau of Nutrition Programs and Services*, has developed a series of short online tutorials on a variety of food service related topics. These self-paced online tutorials are offered through **OPEN NH**. Each tutorial will earn professional development hours upon successful completion that can be used for re-certification and licensing continuing education units. There is no cost to register for these tutorials for food service personnel currently working in New Hampshire public schools. For more information about the tutorials and online registration, visit <http://www.opennh.net/course/index.php?categoryid=33>.

More Tutorials

- Bullying Awareness and Prevention, a 3-hour self-paced tutorial, \$10.00.
- The NH 3 Tiered Bullying Prevention and Intervention Model, a 5-hour self-paced tutorial, \$25.00.
- Substitute Teaching: Tools and Tips for Success, a 5-hour self-paced tutorial, \$25.00
- Ten Technology Skills for Learning and Teaching, a 15-hour self-paced tutorial, \$75.00
- Developing Successful Online Teaching and Learning Practices, a 10-hour self-paced tutorial, \$50.00

Other tutorials are currently in development. For more information about the tutorials and online registration, visit <http://nheon.org/opennh/tutorials/index.html>.

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Annual Arts Education Conference

The 2016 Statewide Arts Education Partnership Conference, *The Arts Are Essential*, will be held November 11th and 12th in Claremont, NH. This year's conference, organized by the NH State Council on the Arts in partnership with the Arts Alliance of Northern New Hampshire, will explore how the arts are essential to a well-rounded education, integral to STEAM learning, contribute to a strong school culture and community climate, reach all learners, and teach 21st century skills. The conference – for arts educators, administrators, classroom teachers, community leaders and interested parents – features keynote speakers, hands-on workshops and a performing arts showcase. Additional information and registration at www.nh.gov/nharts. Contact Julianne Gadoury, Arts Education Coordinator, NH State Council on the Arts, julianne.gadoury@dcr.nh.gov, (603) 271-0791.

Creating Healthy & Energy Efficient Learning Environments

The New Hampshire Department of Education and Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships (NEEP) are hosting a FREE, CEU-accredited, High Performance Schools Summit on November 9th at Kingswood Regional High School in Wolfeboro, NH. The physical environment in which students learn is vitally important to their long-term health and academic performance. High Performance Schools are energy efficient, easy to maintain and operate, environmentally friendly, and provide superior indoor environmental quality, leading to reduced operating costs and an overall improved occupant experience. One pathway to attain these benefits is through the use of the Northeast

Collaborative for High Performance Schools (NE-CHPS) Design Criteria. NE-CHPS can be used for new construction, major renovation projects or in a phased approach to put schools on the pathway to high performance. Join architects, engineers, facility and energy managers, utility program administrators, school business officials and others for an interactive summit focused on exploring the multiple benefits of high performance schools and making the business case for your next school project. To register or for more information go to <http://www.neep.org/events/2016-new-hampshire-high-performance-schools-summit>.

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Transition Summit

The NH Transition Summit Coordinating Group is pleased to announce that registration for New Hampshire's 10th Annual Transition Summit – Building on a Decade of Success is now open and ready to accept your registration. Summit presentations will be focused on the topics of Collaboration, Transition for Specific Populations, Supported Employment or Skill Development Activities & Programs, and Transition Related Initiatives. The Summit will take place on November 16, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord, NH. To register or for more information go to www.iod.unh.edu/transitionsummit2016.

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Resources

Capital Mineral Club Funding Opportunities

The Capital Mineral Club is offering a new opportunity to fund proposals from NH teachers to develop earth science/geology programs that can be used as a resource for teaching students. Successfully funded programs, projects, lessons, and videos developed would be vetted and listed on the Club's website and be available for download to any NH school, with credit to the developer. For initial consideration, please include a description of the program proposed, an endorsement from the school district, your contact information and submit this to the Capital Mineral Club Grant Committee attention M. Bubnis and G. Jackson. The Club also provides other project funding and educator professional development scholarships. Please be in touch with your ideas and needs!

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Genetics Education Materials For School Success (GEMSS)

The New England Genetics Collaborative (NEGC) has compiled useful tips on educational supports, diet, field trip considerations and other helpful pointers on 30+ conditions that you may deal with in your position. Teachers and parents use GEMSS to better understand the needs of students who have genetic conditions. For more information please go to <http://www.gemssforschools.org>.

Information From Other Agencies and Organizations (contests/awards, conference/workshops, and misc.)

US Presidential Scholars Nominations

You are invited to nominate up to 2 students (1 male and 1 female) for the 2017 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. Nominations are due by November 14, 2016 for the upcoming 2017 program year. We encourage you to nominate students who demonstrate outstanding scholarship but who might not otherwise be nominated through the current SAT/ACT, Arts, or CTE recognition processes. All high school seniors graduating between January and June of 2017 who are U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents and who attend public, parochial, or independent schools, as well as those who are home-schooled, are eligible. The candidates will go through the application process, and, as in the past, the 2017 U.S. Presidential Scholars will be selected by the Commission on Presidential

Scholars and receive the Presidential Scholars Medallion at a ceremony in their honor in Washington, DC.

Please submit

- Name
- Home mailing address
- High school name and mailing address
- High school CEEB code
- Gender
- Email address

Also submit a brief description of your nominees that include:

- What about the student makes him or her stand out as having outstanding scholarship?
- Were there special challenges or hurdles this student has overcome while still achieving high academic success?

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) NOMINATION REQUEST

In addition to the general nominations, we are also asking each of you to nominate additional students from your jurisdiction to be included as candidates for recognition for excellence in CTE.

To learn more about the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program and the Commission on Presidential Scholars, please visit www.ed.gov/psp.

Contact Lori Kincaid at (603) 271-6646, Lori.Kincaid@doe.nh.gov

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

Now through November 8, 2016, students in grades 5-12 are invited to apply for the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards if they have made meaningful contributions to their communities through volunteer service within the past 12 months. The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program is the United States' largest youth recognition program based exclusively on volunteer community service. The program was created in 1995 by Prudential in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) to honor middle level and high school students for outstanding service to others at the local, state, and national level. The program's goals are to applaud young people who already are making a positive difference in their towns and neighborhoods, and to inspire others to think about how they might contribute to their communities. To apply or for more information go to <http://spirit.prudential.com>.

Brattleboro Museum & Art Center Announces Two Exciting Opportunities

The Brattleboro Museum & Art Center (BMAC) is seeking submissions for its Ninth Annual LEGO Contest & Exhibit and a special project called GLASSTASTIC. The museum's popular LEGO Contest & Exhibit will take place at BMAC November 18-20. Submissions are due Wednesday, November 16. Prizes will be awarded in a number of categories and age groups. There are no age restrictions on who may participate, and all submissions will be included in the exhibit.

For GLASSTASTIC, the museum invites students in grades K-6 to dream up and draw imaginary creatures, several of which will be transformed into glass sculptures by artists from all around New England. The glass sculptures and every drawing that is submitted will be exhibited at BMAC March 18 - June 18, 2017. The deadline to submit imaginary creatures for GLASSTASTIC is December 30, 2017.

Additional information, guidelines, and entry forms for both the Ninth Annual LEGO Contest & Exhibit and GLASSTASTIC are available at www.brattleboromuseum.org or by calling (802) 257-0124.

Advanced Manufacturing Video Contest

New Hampshire middle school educators are invited to participate in the third annual What's So Cool

About Manufacturing? video contest. Initiated by the Department of Resources and Economic Development, the contest introduces 7th and 8th grade students to advanced manufacturing. As advances are made in the way things are manufactured, a new generation of workers is needed to answer the increasing demand for high tech, innovative jobs. Details are available at www.nheconomy.com/videocontest. Staff from DRED will help to match schools with local manufacturers to produce a 3-minute video. The top three videos, as determined by an outside panel, are awarded cash prizes. The deadline for entries is February 10, 2017. For more information, contact Lorna Colquhoun, lorna.colquhoun@dred.nh.gov.

Letters About Literature Deadlines

The Center for the Book at the NH State Library will be coordinating Letters About Literature in NH this coming school year. This competition is for students in grades 4-12 and asks young readers to write a letter, as if to the author, about a book that affected their perception of the world. Level 3 (high school) has a postmark deadline of Friday, December 2, 2016. Levels 1 and 2 (upper elementary and middle school) have a postmark deadline of Monday, January 9, 2017. To get the latest info on LAL in NH in your e-mail, sign up at <http://lal.nhbookcenter.org>. Additional details, including required entry coupons, will be available on the Web site in September.

Voting materials available for 2016 Ladybug Picture Book Award

Schools, libraries, day care centers, and any other location where NH children (aged preschooler to third grade) gather may be a voting site for the Ladybug Picture Book Award. To be a voting site you need to share the ten nominated books (listed at <http://ladybug.nhbookcenter.org>) with the kids and conduct an election with all 10 titles in the fall of 2016. Picture ballots are available at <http://ladybug.nhbookcenter.org> as well as the required tally sheet (there is a paper option or an online one). The deadline for sending in votes is Friday, December 9, 2016 at 4:30pm. The Ladybug Picture Book Award is sponsored by the Center for the Book at the NH State Library and was established to promote early literacy and honor the best in recent children's picture books.

Next Generation of Science Standards and Project Learning Tree

This workshop will include a review of how the Next Generation of Science Standards are structured and will demonstrate how Project Learning Tree activities will help you to meet these new standards. The day will include hands on activities, use of field investigation techniques and time for discussion and networking. You will also receive the K-8 Project Learning Tree Guide. This workshop, sponsored by the NH Division of Forest and Lands, will take place Saturday, October 22, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Shieling State Forest in Peterborough, NH. The cost is \$15 (reduced from \$60.00 due to support from NH Division of Forests and Lands) For more information go to www.nhplt.org or contact Judy Silverberg at (603) 568-2503 or judy.silverberg@gmail.com.

Youth Summit on Opioid Awareness

The Massachusetts Youth Summit on Opioid Awareness is a half-day Summit designed to educate middle and high school students about the dangers of opioid addiction while promoting the benefits of a healthy life-style. The Summit will feature a showing of *If Only*, a short film co-produced by James Wahlberg with support from Recovery Centers of America and Millennium Health. The Summit will also feature a keynote speaker sharing his story of addiction and recovery. Most importantly, students will be engaged in discussions about the critical role they can play in combating opioid abuse. The Summit is taking place on December 6, 2016 at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell MA from 8:30 a.m. – noon. There is no cost to attend, and there is no limit on the amount of students your school can bring. To register or for more information go to www.drugfreeisuptome.org.

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training

Youth Mental Health First Aid is a free day-long course designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health and human services workers, and other caring citizens how to help an adolescent (age 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or

addiction challenge or is in crisis. Youth Mental Health First Aid is primarily designed for adults who regularly interact with young people. The course introduces common mental health challenges for youth, reviews typical adolescent development, and teaches a 5-step action plan for how to help young people in both crisis and non-crisis situations. Topics covered include anxiety, depression, substance use, disorders in which psychosis may occur, disruptive behavior disorders (including AD/HD), and eating disorders. UNH Cooperative Extension is hosting this training on October 29th, from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Walpole Primary School. For more information or to register, please visit: <http://goo.gl/3JZ1wb>

To schedule a Youth Mental Health First Aid training for your organization or to get more information, please visit: <http://goo.gl/oiMzk3>.

UNH Learn for Life

UNH Professional Development & Training offers a variety of non-credit professional development workshops for educators. Fall non-credit workshops are currently open for registration. For more information go to unh.edu/training or contact (603) 862-7380 or email professional.development@unh.edu. Catalogs and brochures can be found at <http://learnforlife.unh.edu/contentManagement.do?method=load&code=CM000014>.

Enrollment Open for After-School Science and Engineering Club at the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center

In collaboration with Raytheon and the NH Space Grant Consortium, the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center will pilot the McAuliffe-Shepard Science and Engineering Club, an after-school program for middle school students. Beginning on October 13, the club will meet each Thursday from 3:30-5:30 p.m. through May 2017 at the Discovery Center. Club members will explore hands-on science and engineering, including the engineering design process, circuitry, coding, robotics, space science and more with Discovery Center Education Director Kim Duncan, Ph.D., Science Educator Bill Coyne, Raytheon Engineer Ken Levenson and his colleagues, and guest scientists and engineers.

Participation in the McAuliffe-Shepard Science and Engineering Club is free, due to the generosity of Raytheon and the NH Space Grant Consortium. Space is limited, with preference given to students who commit to participating in the entire series, from October 13, 2016 through June 22, 2017 (with breaks during vacation weeks). To find out more or to register, please contact Sherie Moore at the Discovery Center, at smoore@starhop.com or [603\) 271-7827 x102](tel:6032717827).

NH Wildlife Calendar

If you need a fall fundraiser for your school, club or community group, try selling the 2017 New Hampshire Wildlife calendar. All sales support the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's work conserving wildlife and wild places, and your organization keeps \$4.95 on each calendar sold. Ready to get started? Get your calendar sales kit for your group today at www.wildnh.com/shop/calendar-fundraiser.html or call (603) 271-6355 to request a group sales kit by mail or e-mail.

We hope you found this edition of the NH DOE messages informative and useful. If you have feedback or questions, please send an e-mail to lori.kincaid@doe.nh.gov. If you received this from a colleague and want to subscribe to receive this newsletter directly, please go to <http://maillist.nh.gov/list/doe/?p=subscribe&id=7>